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ALTON MAN SENTENCED FOR TRAFFICKING IN CRACK COCAINE

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on May 30, 2006, **CHRISTOPHER B. TAYLOR**, age 39, of Alton, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois. **TAYLOR** was sentenced to 300 months imprisonment, was fined \$500, and was placed on 5 years supervised release.

TAYLOR had been tried and convicted in a jury trial of a two-count superseding indictment, charging possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute and distribution of crack cocaine.

This case was prosecuted as part of an ongoing Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) investigation that has targeted crack cocaine distribution in the Alton area. This investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and the Drug Enforcement Unit of the Alton Police Department.

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Thomas M. Daly and Andrew Simonson.